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In preparation for General FU Tso-yi's (博作表 ) new campaign against the North China Communists, CHU Te has declared General NIEH Jung-chen (西東策 欽 ), present commander of the Chin-Cha-Chi region, "too soft" to fight FU effectively and has indicated that either General HO Lung ( ) or General HSIAO Ke ( ) will take his place, with NIEH assuming the higher but less responsible post of chief of the Central Secretariat. It is also rumored that CHO Te of the Northern Kiangsu sub-zone, under the Chin-Chi-Lu-Yu Headquarters.

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It is likely that HSIAO Ke and HO Lung will both withdraw from Shantung and bring their armies to bear on FU from the Chin-Cha-Chi region, since opposition in Shantung is very strong and the need to weaken FU very pressing. It is possible, too, that they will utilize the scattered, leaderless armies of SUN Lien-chung (法 单个); for instance, the 92nd, 94th and 73rd. Some of SUN's highest leaders have deserted to the Communist side and the troops are "to be had for the asking". This will leave Shantung to the Nationalists, but will cause the battle for North China to take on the proportions of the battle for Manchuria.



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